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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

This is my second year as President of the Northern California Numismatic Association and in many ways, this second term is more difficult than my first year. We had great difficulty with finding even one member, who was willing to run for each of the available offices. The end result was a ballot with but five candidates for five offices and a very predictable result!

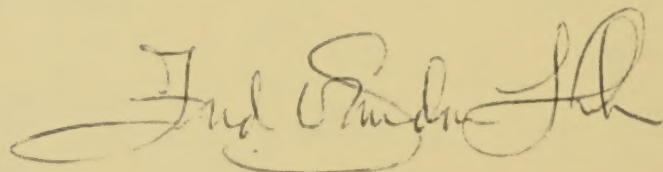
Most unfortunately, our elected candidate for Secretary, Robert Mish, had to resign as Secretary very shortly after being elected, due to an unforeseen development associated with his business which precluded regular attendance at Board meetings. We nevertheless applaud Robert's willingness to serve our organization and very much appreciate his many years of service in the past.

To date, we have been unable to fill the vacant Secretary position! I therefore call out to our membership for a volunteer. Our organization can only continue to thrive and serve our numismatic community, if we have dedicated members willing to work for the goals of our Association.

Over the years, the N.C.N.A. has done a very commendable job in promotion and education relating to numismatics. Individual numismatists and local coin clubs have greatly benefitted from these efforts and programs. In recent years however, our organization has been severely limited in what it has been able to achieve by lack of interest amongst members and sometimes even a lack of quorum with officers attending Board meetings! We, ALL MEMBERS of the N.C.N.A., need to get involved and rededicate efforts to achieve the goals of our Association! When so few individuals control the direction that our Association takes and the programs that we implement, our numismatic community and future numismatists, are not well served.

In the past year, our Association has had two very successful book programs which enabled member coin clubs to receive free copies of David Lange's "A Complete Guide to Buffalo Nickels" and "A Complete Guide to Mercury Dimes". These programs benefitted both local coin clubs and their members along with the author of these books, who happens to be a N.C.N.A. member! The benefit to David Lange being very subtle as numismatic books of this type rarely generate profit! We have also made major organizational changes within the N.C.N.A. to streamline operations and improve management productivity. Significant progress has also been made with the establishment of the "Ron Miller Memorial Award". Additionally, the N.C.N.A. will produce a one ounce silver round with the portrait of Ron Miller later this year. We would like to do more to meet the goals of our Association and benefit our membership. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO DO THIS HOWEVER!

In service of the N.C.N.A. and numismatically yours



Fred G. van den Haak
President

THE MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends,

What do we know about the average coin collector? Or, my preference, coin hobbyist? Or, the more exalted term, numismatist? Does our centuries-old hobby, as well as science, really have--or has ever had--some facts and figures as to its participants?

A common observation is that the coin hobby is white, male, and aging, but that is an observation without fact nor figure.

A common opinion is that investing and profit command most participants' motivation, but that is also an opinion unsubstantiated.

A common attitude is that the modern commemorative coinages have failed to generate new participants, but this is also an attitude subject to verification.

A common concern is that local coin clubs are not as popular as compared to decades ago, but this is also a debatable concern.

A common claim is that the United States Mint's mailing lists identify the number of our participants, but this claim is also without foundation.

One could go on, all could note that these provoking questions have been suggested before, and all are deserving of an answer.

What I propose is that the great forces and facilitators in our hobby and science--the national organization, the American Numismatic Association (ANA), the larger regional organizations as Central States Numismatic Society (CSNS) or Florida United Numismatists (FUN), the national publications of Numismatic News and Coin World, and the, yes, United States Mint--join together and cooperate and coordinate an extensive and elaborate study as to who exactly are the current participants and their intentions, backgrounds, and like.

In my other advocacy, model railroading, the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) has a quite detailed analysis of its hobbyists: age, employment, education, and such. The advantage is that their hobby knows who and what and can direct and act accordingly.

Among the membership statistics, mailing lists, and subscription lists, those denoted above, remembering privacy and security, could build, using modern demographic and statistical methods, a fairly accurate model of our hobby and its participants: who they are, what their interests are, how many years, their backgrounds, and so on. Then, as these facts and figures are scrutinize, how better to serve our participants and our hobby and science.

This study, an extraordinary project, would not be just more research for the joy of one more study, but a point to begin: to answer the above questions, to ascertain the hobby and science's health, to confirm or to refute alleged conditions, and to have something solid to prepare for the 21st Century.

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1993 Election Results

As can be read on the cover, the Board did at last tabulate the ballots, and the results are listed; a few write-in votes did not change the final tally. A Secretary must be found, and the lack of this position filled places a burden upon the other four Executive Officers. President van den Haak addresses this concern in his President's Message.

Next Board of Directors Meeting

Will be on "June 27th, Fourth Monday, 6:30pm, at Charlie Brown's off I-80 near Powell and West Frontage, in Emeryville". Any Individual Member and Club Member, via its Club Delegate, are invited to attend. The dinner session begins at 6:30pm with the Board Meeting immediately thereafter. If you would like to attend, and as a courtesy, please telephone in-advance Gordon R. Donnell at '510-526-0538'.

Lange's Book Donation Another Success

As announced in the January 1994 Issue of NCNA Heads and Tales, the Association made available free to Club Members, not persons, David W. Lange's The Complete Guide To Mercury Dimes. This offer has now expired, and these following coin clubs did request, and should have received, one book each:

Vallejo Numismatic Society
Solano Silver Round Club
Delta Coin Club
Fairfield Coin Club
Diablo Numismatic Society

Sacramento Valley Coin Club
Fresno Numismatic Society
Redwood Empire Coin Club
Gateway Coin Club
Liberty Numismatic Society

Again, another solid reason for northern Californian coin clubs to join and to contribute to the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA).

New Club Member

The Anchorage Coin Club, Club Member #C55, of Anchorage, Alaska. Our Association welcomes this Coin Club from the Forty-Ninth State! Your Editor has had correspondence with this fine Club and commends their exemplary monthly newsletter, ACCent. Write to: "Anchorage Coin Club, PO Box 230169, Anchorage, Alaska, 99523".

Clarification

In September, a major international commercial coin show will be held at San Francisco's Cathedral Hill Hotel, once site for our own Convention and Exposition, and even on our once preferred dates. Our Association is not affiliated nor involved nor part of this private venture, although recent display ads in the numismatic press may have implied differently; however, NCNA has been in positive and pleasant correspondence with the promoter.

Miller Medal

Included with this Issue is the adopted Charter for the 'Ron Miller Memorial Award'. Announcements about this Award are anticipated in the September NCNA Heads and Tales.

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BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club Happenings

Have been receiving bulletins, newsletters, or news releases from these coin clubs:

Stanislaus County Coin Club
Sacramento Valley Coin Club
Alameda Coin Club
Greater Houston Coin Club
Livermore Valley Coin Club
Fremont Coin Club
Gateway Coin Club
Delta Coin Club
Peninsula Coin Club
Fresno Numismatic Society
Napa Valley Coin Club
Redwood Empire Coin Club
Liberty Numismatic Society
Cupertino Coin Club
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
Diablo Numismatic Society
Solano Silver Round Club
Fairfield Coin Club
Vallejo Numismatic Society

Stanislaus County Coin Club Continues to meet on the Second and Fourth Wednesday evenings, at 7:30pm, of each month in the Odd Fellows Hall, 2314 Lawrence, Ceres, California. Special recognition for its Show help was given to TERRY WOODWARD, for being Bourse Coordinator, and ROBERT PEDERSON, who slept "overnight with the security".

Sacramento Valley Coin Club Elected and installed its 1994 Officers; they are: JEFF SHEVLIN, President, TIM LEWIS, Vice-President, BETTYE WEBB, Recording Secretary, ED HOPKINSON, Treasurer, and MARYANN LEWIS, Corresponding Secretary. MARYANN LEWIS is also the SVCC's new Librarian and is "now actively reorganizing and cataloging our Club's books". Retiring 1993 Officers, CECILIA SHEVLIN and BUD BRAKOWIECKI, were honored for their respective service at the past January 12th Annual Installation Banquet.

Alameda Coin Club Bad Luck! First, its newly elected 1994 President was stricken with a bad heart condition, and second, its long-time meeting site, Citibank Savings, was closed due to extensive remodeling. CHUCK WHITE has assumed the ACC's Presidency with MIKE NEICOFF as Treasurer and DAN BARSII as Secretary. In lieu of its regular monthly meeting, the April 12th meeting gathered at Marina Valley's RoundTable Pizza. One of the best attendances in months was recorded. The ACC plans again to jointly sponsor with the San Francisco Coin Club their Bay Area Coin Show. Date and site soon to be announced. It was reported that new member CHUCK CALL, having just joined and attended one meeting, was properly elected as the ACC's new Vice-President!

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Greater Houston Coin Club Its nationally distributed Double Shift has a new Editor: MICHAEL WOLFORD, succeeding FRANCIS TOWNSEND, who served two years. It was reported that noted numismatic authors, JAY CLINE and Colonel GROVER CRISWELL, both of Florida, are GHCC's Honorary Members. CHARLES TEMPLETON, Past President and long-time officer of the GHCC, also a Professional Engineer (PE), has been elected as the President of the national engineering organization, the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME), of which Your Editor has been a member of since 1971.

Livermore Valley Coin Club Writes that "BILL HELMS won the gold in November [1993], and MARY DIETRICH won the gold--and a lot of other stuff--in December [1993]". What Was This Other Stuff? The March 15th LVCC meeting has publicized as "THERE WILL BE A MEETING THIS MONTH--only there won't be a set program, except as indicated below. Sorry, folks--your Board was too occupied with the Show to get a Board Meeting together to plan this month's meeting!". No Excuse!

Fremont Coin Club With the Fiftieth (50th) Anniversary of the Second World War, the FCC at its March 22nd Meeting held 'World War II Night': "BRIITA EHLERS started us off with some ration coupons, a water mine story, then husband DON EHLERS showed some car stamps, gas ration coupons, etc. CARL SYNDER offered some V-Mail items, showed us some of his military pictures (CARL, you haven't changed a bit). Then, DICK HUTCHINSON told us the motorcycle tire story, and his purchasing a gunner's quadrant for \$2.98 that cost the Government \$450.00. MATT MICHELETTI showed two tokens. HAZEL GELLIE showed a RAF [Royal Air Force] broach pin, her father's 1927 flight book, a Fiftieth (50th) Anniversary Battle of Britain Medallion . . . CAL SAMPSON showed us his Military medals; he was a Pilot Sergeant. DANIEL MICHELETTI showed off a newly purchased 1943-D Nickel. GLEN JACOB presented a Hawaii Over-Printed One Dollar Silver Certificate, Philippine Victory Money, Japanese Invasion Money for the Philippines, Japanese money, a Japanese war helmet, and German and Japanese flags. BO ATKINSON showed some ration books, medals, and a Chinese book. JIM BARTON talked about Army front-line stuff and things his Mother threw-out, but she did keep a German dagger to open the oil cans. MARIE HUTCHINSON told us about being a USO Hostess in Hayward, a dress she made out of her son's military uniform. IRIS ATKINSON brought some ration books, red and blue point tokens, war bond sales stuff, and told of her brother in the War. Japanese stamps, world stamps, Australian coins, book of war ships and planes. What An Evening! We spent well-over an hour fascinated! [Your Editor gives credit to FCC Double Eagle Editor ROGER LYLES for the excellent coverage, quoted above, for this 'World War II Night'.] The FCC held at its February 22nd Meeting 'My Favorite Coin Night': "A Ron Miller birthday gift was IRIS ATKINSON's favorite coin. Next, RON IKEBE showed us a beautiful 1919-D Buffalo Nickel. ROGER LYLES brought a set of Seated Dimes and Seated Half Dimes, followed by BRIITA EHLERS, DENNIS OLSWANG, CAL SAMPSON, DICK HUTCHINSON, JOHN FRANK, DON MACALISTER, and VINCE LACERIERE. We saw an Isabella

Quarter, Three Dollar Gold, 1880 Five Dollar Gold, 1798 and 1856 Large Cents, Two Cent Coin, 1927-S Quarter, and heard stories about a 1921-S Half Dollar. All-in-all each coin was described, and we can understand how the hobby 'bug' gets its teeth-in".

Gateway Coin Club Elected its 1994 Officers; they are: LILA ANDERSON, President, JOEL ANDERSON, Vice-President, BEVERLY HILLS, Secretary, and RON LUND, Treasurer. GCC toured the Old Mint in San Francisco last March 24th; forty-four members and quests treked to San Francisco. During the bus ride, San Francisco Mint coins were drawn as prizes. Historian THEREA LUND gave a short talk on the Kennedy Half Dollar, this year being the Thirtieth (30th) Anniversary. At the March 17th 'Dog-Eat-Dog', JOEL ANDERSON won with DOODLE WILSON and BILL HOEFFLER tied for second. Nine 'Dogs' were entered: "No prizes were awarded, but these members have the satisfaction of knowing that they have some 'real dogs', worst wear with a readable date".

Delta Coin Club Installed its 1994 Officers at its past January 14th Annual Dinner at Stockton's Eagles' Hall; they are: DON KENDRICK President, KEVIN MALOY, Vice-President, EDWARD CARMAN, Recording Secretary, SYD KASS, Corresponding Secretary, and LORIS ENZMINGER, Treasurer. KEVIN MALOY reported finding a 1994-D Cent on January 30th, the first by a DCC member, and at the February 28th meeting, both Drawing, First and Final, had only one drawn, the first name picked: EDWARD JOHNSON and OTTO LINDSKOG. This Is A New Record! Next events for the DCC are: first, its Annual Club Picnic on Sunday, July 17th at Lodi's Mickes Grove, and second, its Annual Show on Saturday and Sunday, October 15th and 16th, at Eagles' Hall in Stockton. SYD KASS, DCC's Newsletter Editor, has a special offer for DCC members: "New 1993 Series Federal Reserve Notes: First member to locate in crisp uncirculated condition a 1993 Series Note will win a special prize". This new Series was signed by Lloyd Bentsen as Treasury Secretary.

Peninsula Coin Club Writes that its 1994 Club Medal design was by RALPH IGLER, who is associated with the Museum of American Heritage of Palo Alto, California. For his effort, he will later be presented a full 1994 Club Medal Set. The PCC reports that its annual dues "are the lowest of any coin club in the northern California area! Only \$3.00". The Discussion Theme at the PCC's April 11th meeting was 'Lacquered Coins'.

Fresno Numismatic Society Heard DAVID W. LANGE at its April 12th meeting on Mercury Dimes; DAVE MICHIELS at its March 8th meeting on Coins of Julius Caesar; MARUICE PONSART at its February 8th meeting on Coin Investment, and DALE HEWLETT at its January 11th meeting on Numismatic Books. The FNS 1994 Officers are: RUS STOLLING, President, Co-Vice-Presidents, DALE HEWLETT and DAVID JOSEPHINE, Co-Treasurers, DAVID HARRIS and PHIL PLETTNER, and Secretary, JOHN HESS. JOHN CLIFTON is the FNS's The Fresno Numismatist new Editor, and his exemplary newsletter is worthy of joining the FNS via the mail!

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Napa Valley Coin Club Held its Thirtieth (30th) Annual Napa Valley Coin Show last March 29th. The NVCC continues to meet on the Third Wednesday evening, at 7:30pm, of each month in the American Legion Hall, 1240 Pearl Street, Napa, corner of Pearl and Randolph Street.

Redwood Empire Coin Club Elected its 1994 Officers: MERLE AVILA, President, FRANK VILLALON, Vice-President, HELEN ROBERTS, Treasurer, and GUG SHAPPY, Secretary. Recent RECC meeting programs have been: March 9th, STEVE TITMUS, Carson City Mint and Coinage and April 13th, GUY SHAPPY, Large Russian Copper Coins. The 1995 Redwood Empire Coin Show will be on March 25th and 26th of 1995, and LEE GONG, RECC's Youth Coordinator, is this Show's Coordinator. For information on this Show, write to: "PO Box 9013, Santa Rosa, California, 95405".

Liberty Numismatic Society Elected its 1994 Officers; they are: MIKE SULAK, President, NEVIO ANDREATTA, Vice-President, MARIAN SINTON, Treasurer, and REGAN SHEA, Secretary, with Directors, PETER COLLINDER, DAVID LANGE, and JIM ROSEN. Recent LNS meeting activities have been: February 1st, Annual Medals Night and April 5th, STEPHEN HUSTON, 'Holy War and The Black Death'. It was reported that the Coin-of-the-Month Drawing at the LNS's February 1st meeting had a record twenty-three (23) coins, all Mercury Dimes, and all won by DAVID W. LANGE! It should also be noted that the March 1st meeting heard BOB TOPOR's excellent and educating talk, 'America's Most Beautiful Coin': his "talk included slides and an interesting narrative about Augustus Saint-Gaudens, his work, and his Twenty Dollar Gold Coin. BOB showed and discussed many interesting and little-known facts about the man and his times". The 1994 Club Medal is now available for sale via the mail: Silvers @ \$20.00 each plus \$2.00 for postage and mailing per silver medal, and antique bronzes @ \$3.50 each plus plus \$1.00 for postage and mailing per bronze medal. Mail orders with remittance in full to: "Liberty Numismatic Society, PO Box 844, Millbrae, California, 94030". The design honors the Seventy-Fifth (75th) Anniversary of the American Legion and was created by MIKE and SYDNEY SULAK.

Cupertino Coin Club Has Been Active. First, it elected its 1994 Officers; they are: AL LO, President, BOB TOPOR, Vice-President, MARTHA TOPOR, Recording Secretary, JEAN PRITCHETT, Corresponding Secretary, RON ISHIZAKI, Treasurer, and TOM ARMES, MIKE FULLEN, KATHERINE RAY, KATHLEEN SODERSTROM, and WALLY WALLAKER, Directors. Youth Vice-President is ROB WALKER. One position, Historian, is held by 'N.O. One', and one Director position is identified by 'I.M. Available'. Do You Get It? Second, Exhibit Winners at the CCC's February Show were: Ray Erkson Best of Show, GARY ACQUISTAPACE, 'Silver Pesos of Modern Mexico', First Award, CHUCK WHITE, 'The Dali Olympic Collection', and Second Award, GORDON DONNELL, 'Wooden Money'. Third, recent CCC meeting activities have been: January 14th, DAVE LANGE, Buffalo Nickels, February 11th, DENNIS OLSWANG, Maria Theresa Dollar, and April

8th, Anniversary Party, with KATHERINE RAY bringing the cake and RON ISHIZAKI the gold. The CCC meets on the Second Friday at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall of West Valley Presbyterian Church, 6191 Bollinger Avenue, Cupertino, California.

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society Have received only two PCNS Bulletins. The 1994 PCNS Officers are: STEPHEN M. HUSTON, President, DON BURNS, Vice-President, FRANK STRAZZARINO, Secretary, and RICK WEBSTER, Treasurer, with GOVERNORS, PAUL HOLTZMAN, GORDON DONNELL, MARK W. CLARK, and HERBERT MILES. Recent PCNS meetings have been: January 26th, DAVE LANGE, 'Mercury Dimes: The Coin and The Book', February 23rd, AL LO, 'Hawaiian Exonumia', March 23rd, KEN BARR, 'Syngraphics', and April 27th, BOB TOPOR, 'America's Most Beautiful Coin'.

Diablo Numismatic Society Earned \$180.00 in its Second Annual Donation Drawing at its March 17th meeting; this Donation Drawing is not a white-elephant auction, for only numismatic items are allowed as the prizes, all donated, and drawing tickets are sold, with the winners selecting their prizes among the donated items. Some thirty-three (33) coins and books were donated. The DNS has lost its Secretary and Editor STEWART HUCKABY, who is re-locating back East to learn to drive a truck. April 21st meeting was the DNS' Annual Other Hobbies Night: Windmills, Baseball Cards, Model Railroading, Wood Carving, and such.

Solano Silver Round Club Is now accepting orders for the Sixth Issue, 1994 Medal, in its Second World War Fiftieth (50th) Anniversary Silver Round Series. Price is \$22.50 each for this D-Day commemorative issue with a June 30th deadline. Mail orders with remittance to: "PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590". This 1994 Medal's design concept was by DENNIS LOTSPEICH of Rancho Palos Verdes, titled 'Normandy Landing, June 6, 1944'. The SSRC's December 1993 Quarterly Drawing took-in \$255.00, and its March 1994 Quarterly Drawing took-in \$245.00. The SSRC will hold its semi-annual Open Meeting at the September 18th Fairfield Coin Show; tentative time and location are: 1:00pm in Suisun Recreation Center's Classroom.

Fairfield Coin Club Elected its 1994 Officers; they are: JOE SIROIS, President, CRAIG BLACKWOOD, Vice-President, JAN HENKE, Secretary, and JOE BLEAU, Treasurer. JOE BLEAU, serving until this April, was forced to resign his position due his relocation to Washington state. The FCC honored JOE for his three years of service with an engraved desk pen set. The FCC remembered its 'Big 21' Birthday, Twenty-First (21st) Anniversary, at its March 23rd meeting with cake and celebration, only two Charter Members remain on the membership roster: ERNIE DRAKE and STEVE CABARANO. STAN TURRINI donated the Club's first-ever PNC (philatelic-numismatic cover) Issue, all cancelled the March 23rd date by the Fairfield Post Office. The major sad news from the FCC, as well as the Solano Silver Round Club (SSRC), was that JAN HENKE, its Secretary and Editor, landed in the hospital on March 20th, and

although now released and home recuperating, JAN had to have part of his right foot amputated and anticipates a long recuperation. JAN would appreciate get-well messages: write to '1806 San Jose Place, Fairfield, California, 94533' or telephone '707-427-0482'. The other big-news from the FCC is its Fifth (5th) Annual Fairfield Coin and Collectibles Show on Sunday, September 18, 1994, at a new site, the Suisun Recreation Center, 586 East Wigeon Way, corner of Wigeon Way and Pintail Drive, Suisun City, California, hours 10:00am to 5:00pm. This Center was be reached by driving Highway 12 to Sunset Avenue north. It is anticipated that KENNETH E. BRESSETT, current Vice-President of the American Numismatic Association (ANA), may attend this Show. For additional details, telephone the above number afternoons daily.

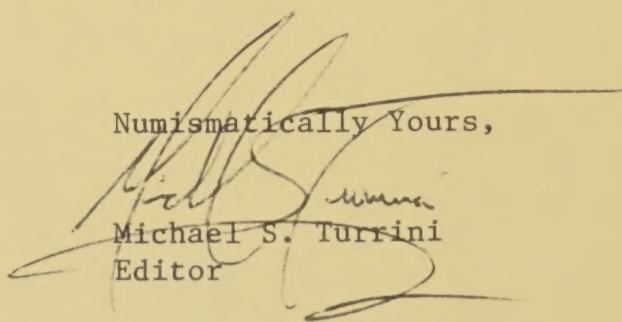
Vallejo Numismatic Society Has Been Active: Half Dollar Night, Quarter Dollar Night, 'Joe Bleau Night', games, its Fortieth (40th) Anniversary Banquet, and recent May 1st Twenty-Second (22nd) Annual Vallejo Coin and Collectibles Show. The April 6th Meeting was the VNS's Annual Other Hobbies Night: MIKE STANLEY, Baseball Cards, BOB KECK, Babe Ruth Collectibles, GORDON DONNELL, Wood-Carving, JOE BLEAU, Modified Race Cars, DR. RODNEY W. BAKER, Mensa Magazine, STEWART HUCKABY, Rating System for Sports, BOB SATHER, 1994 Winter Olympic Pins, STAN TURRINI, Brass HO-scaled Locomotives, and GERALD SINGER, Handguns. The VNS also recognized several members, who have provided extraordinary support or service, departing JOE BLEAU, BILL BARTZ, and GERALD SINGER of 'Mr. G's Coins'. As this is this Society's Fortieth (40th) year, contacts with former members are welcomed; please write to: 'PO Box 4281, Vallejo, California, 94590'.

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Knowledge Is Power. Facts And Figures Are The Foundation Of Knowledge, and With Knowledge Comes Progress. In the end, it is the future growth and happiness of our hobby and science that must be our mutual intention and objective with this 'National Coin Hobby Study'.

Best Wishes Always.

Numismatically Yours,


Michael S. Turrini
Editor



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THE 'RON MILLER MEMORIAL AWARD' CHARTER

Adopted January 24, 1994

Article I--Rationale

Whereas the late Ronald Lee Miller (1944-1993) was among the most respected and esteemed persons in northern California numismatics, whereas his service and support to the hobby were exemplary and significant by any judge and measure, and whereas it is fitting and proper for this Association, for itself and for the hobby in California, to honor and to memorialize a man of his character and career, therefore, the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA), by this Charter, hereby creates and endows the perpetual recognition named 'The Ron Miller Memorial Award' and subtitled, in short, 'The Miller Medal'.

Article II--Award

1. Shall be a one ounce .999 fine silver medal whose obverse shall be a portrait of the late Ronald Lee Miller and the words in circumference 'Ronald Lee Miller' and the years '1944-1993' and whose reverse shall have an adequate cartouche for engraving and the words 'Northern California Numismatic Association'. These Medals shall have plain edges, not be serial numbered, and be antique in finish.
2. Recipients of The Miller Medal shall be listed and published as a 'Miller Medal Recipient'.
3. The cartouche shall be engraved with the recipient's proper name and full date of presentation.
4. Each Recipient shall also be presented a suitable engraved plaque attesting to his or her Award. All plaques, and also all Medals, shall be standardized as to the engraving, layout, and design.
5. The number of Miller Medals bestowed in any given calendar year shall be fixed to a maximum of two (2), and the Association shall not be obligated nor bound to bestow two, one, or any nor to do so annually, each year, only if the nominations warrant selection.

Article III--Eligibility and Criteria

1. Any active coin hobbyist residing within California at least five (5) full years prior with a verified record of service and support--significant and substantial involvement and interest--in numismatics may be nominated.
2. Membership in the Association shall not be a necessary requirement nor restriction; however, in the selection of recipients, those current Association members nominated may have preference over non-members or past members.
3. The Miller Medal shall be bestowed upon only individuals including husband and wife acting together, but not organizations nor groups.
4. No posthumous nominations shall be submitted nor considered.
5. The criteria shall be: superior, sustained, and significant support and service to numismatics and its coin hobby and/or devotion and dedication, consistent and meritorious, to numismatic organizations.

Article IV--Procedure

1. Each January the Association's President, via the Association's periodical, shall call for nominations, and such announcement shall also summarize the background and criteria for this Award.
2. All nominations shall be in writing, submitted from only the Association's Individual or Club Members, by a deadline date, but no later than June 30th.
3. No anonymous nominations shall be accepted, and all nominations shall denote the nominee and must provide detailed evidence and reasons for the nomination.
4. No one can nominate him or herself, and no current Association Executive Officer shall nominate anyone.
5. If a Executive Officer or Director has been nominated, he or she shall not vote in any selection, but may participate in the discussion and debate.
6. The Association's Board of Directors shall review the submitted written nominations and, after discussion and debate, shall by two-thirds affirmative vote select the 'Miller Medal Recipient(s)'.
7. The President shall inform the selected Miller Medal Recipient(s) and be responsible for the presentation of this Award as mutually convenient, and the Association, via its periodical plus News Releases, shall report same to the numismatic hobby.
8. Anyone may be nominated any number of times, but no one shall ever be honored more than once, although the Association may bestow other recognitions.

Article V--Provisions

1. This 'Ron Miller Memorial Award' and its 'Miller Medal' shall be perpetual.
2. This Award and the first 'Miller Medal Recipients', if nominated and selected as required by this Charter, shall commence in 1995 and annually thereafter.
3. No person for whatever reason shall ever be bestowed this Award and its Medal more than once.
4. The Association's Board of Directors shall enjoy absolute and final authority and supervision of this Award.
5. The Association shall exercise any and all powers to protect and to maintain the integrity, uniqueness, and quality of this Award and its Medal.
6. The Medal shall never be offered for sale nor issued for any other reason or purpose by this Association other than this Award or as stipulated in this Charter.
7. Medals engraved 'Specimen Medal' shall be retained for the Association's History, and like other 'Specimen Medal(s)', for display or exhibit, may be authorized.
8. The Association for posterity shall maintain a permanent and complete record of this Award, its Medal, and the honored 'Miller Medal Recipients' and shall request the same of the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA).
9. A quorum for motions and votes concerning this Award shall be as declared in the Association's By-Laws.
10. This Charter, as adopted and amended, is declared and interpreted as Policy of the Association, and the Association's By-Laws shall govern.